



THE P. C.
EDITOR
SAYS—

With the death of C. F. Bruton a vacancy was made in the postmastership at Sikeston and a meeting was called by the Democratic County Chairman, Otto Schoen, for Saturday evening at Benton to induct some one for acting postmaster until such time as a competitive examination could be had to fill the position. Pleas M. Malcolm, committeeman from Richland Township secured the endorsement from the committee and same has been forwarded to Washington for such action as the Postmaster General may see fit to make. It is up to him to appoint Pleas to fill the unexpired term of some six or eight months, or to call for an examination immediately. Pleas has been one of the most active Democratic committeemen ever in the county and this endorsement is a reward of merit given by his fellow committeemen for aid and assistance given them. The position pays about \$2900 per year, requires a lot of work, and one of the most responsible positions under the Government.

No city the size of Sikeston in the United States has yet won such honors as our Lions Club Chorus who won top honors at two International meets and was top at Mexico City, but were handicapped on this occasion by having won the two preceding International. July 22 they are going to compete again for these honors at the International which meets in Chicago. These young girls have been putting in some strenuous practice of late under the supervision of Miss Adagene Bowman with Mrs. Bess Elder at the piano. The chorus consists of Misses Vera Dudley, Catherine Ann Cook, Gwendolyn Kirk, Mary Sikes, Esther Greer and Louise Montgomery, with Shirley Shainberg as soloist. This paragraph is leading up to a touch for the Chorus is some short of funds for the trip and their proper entertainment while in Chicago. Rumage sales have brought in around \$100, a friend has contributed \$25, and the Malone Theatre is playing on a percentage basis this Friday night to help out. The best publicity Sikeston ever had was when the Associated Press sent broadcast over their wires that Sikeston had won top honors at the past Internationals. Can't you give a dollar or two to help out?

And was it a picnic held out on Caster River Sunday by the Legionnaires, their families and their friends? We'll say it was and it was not a pick tick either with mosquitoes and the like absent. At least one hundred souls gathered there before the noon hour from babes in arms to old grandpas and grandmas. The water in the creek was cool and clear and deep enough to cause a life guard to be stationed among the little fellows, who were in and out throughout the balance of the day. The first vehicle on the ground was a big Coco-Cola truck carrying refreshments of soda, Coco-Cola, ice cream cups, etc., etc., and ice. Everything was cool when the large caravan arrived. At the noon hour two long tables were spread that contained just about the best menu that noted cooks could prepare, fried chicken, baked ham, roast beef, salads, pickles, cakes galore, and, oh, boy, what a satisfied feeling after, and no place to lie down and sleep. At 5:00 the tables were again spread and those who could eat were invited to step up and help themselves. For amusements there were mixed teams, men and women, who played softball. Card games for the women, and quiet pitching for some too old to play ball. The Standard editor was the husband of an Auxiliary member, therefore was one of the satisfied party, and it was our pleasure to pose with some pretty girls to have our picture taken. At home by dark, sore and satisfied.

Again we wish to say that we are a Democrat and running a Democratic paper, at the same time we have no objections to the other man being a Republican as he has a right to be. Some Democrats have us all wrong to think and believe that we have any influence to secure political jobs for any one, for we have not. We are trying to work for the Democratic party not for position for any one. If we could, we would give every Democrat who is competent the position held by some Republican, but we can't do it. Any Democrat who seeks an appointment can use us as a reference, and so can a Republican, and if we are asked about the party as a man or woman and their qualifications, we'll answer to the best of our ability and tell the truth. We haven't asked for but one piece of political pie under the Stark administration and haven't gotten that, but believe we will. So now leave us out of your political knocking or we'll do some knocking that will be some knocking.

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Athletic Heads Coming to Organize Baseball Teams

C. O. Brown, president of the Chicago Athletic Institute, Inc., accompanied by Russell Gramlich, Kansas City, acting State Director of Recreation for the WPA, will be in Sikeston at the High School gymnasium Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock to meet with all men interested in baseball, golf and other sports.

Carlos Jones, of this city, district WPA recreation director, received word by wire Saturday morning that Mr. Brown and Mr. Gramlich would be in Sikeston Wednesday.

The purpose of this meeting is to lay the foundation for organized baseball throughout the state for the coming year, Mr. Jones stated. Teams will be organized in various cities throughout the district and state. Organized teams will play each other in county, district, state and national tournaments to determine the championship team. Outstanding

players will be given a chance to try out for the big league teams. Mr. Brown is bringing with him his own picture machine and will show pictures of some of the great baseball players in action and will also show stars of other sports in action, Mr. Jones said.

The Chicago sports director, a veteran at organizing teams in many states, will consider first a baseball team for Sikeston, and later may promote teams in softball and other sports. There will be teams in possibly three age classifications, according to Mr. Jones.

The local WPA director has extended an invitation to all men in this locality to take advantage of the opportunity to organize baseball in the district for the coming year. Through the efforts of the county-district-state arrangement, many baseball players of ability have gone to the major leagues or to their farms, he said.

Arrest 2 Negro Women Following Free-For-All

Arrested following a free-for-all fight downtown Saturday night on Front Street, Ila Mae Marr, Center Street and Sadie B. Whitehead, Cape Girardeau Negroes, were fined \$10 each Monday morning by Judge Brown Jewell for disturbing the peace.

Sadie Whitehead said the other woman was "picking on" her sister, so she hit her with a stick. Police said Ila Mae was cut on the hand by a long butcher knife, while Sadie was jabbed in the head with an ice pick. Both injuries were slight. The women could not say where the weapons came from.

A \$10 fine was also levied against Marion West, Essex, on a charge of disturbing the peace at Murray Lane in the southwestern part of the city. Residents complained that West had dared several of them to cross the railroad, said he was arrested Saturday night by Constable W. O. Ellis. West could not pay his fine.

Ray Frohawk, who lives below Sikeston, was arrested Saturday night in a downtown restaurant for allegedly causing a disturbance. Policeman William Carson accosted Frohawk and suffered a dislocated thumb in subduing him. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs Monday morning.

W. L. Jones, who lives west of Vanduser, was also taken Saturday night and was charged with lying drunk in the Legion Park by the Missouri Pacific railroad tracks. He was fined \$10.

Millers Beat Poplar Bluff by 4-3 Score

The Sikeston Millers put forth an extra ounce of effort over the Poplar Bluff All-Stars and came through with a 4-3 victory here Sunday in a game that saw a total of 25 strikeouts.

	POPLAR BLUFF	AB R H
Vick Knodell, lf	5 0 0	
Fiske, cf	4 1 1	
Chet Childress, ss	4 0 2	
Carl Childress, 1b	2 1 0	
Marsbaugh, c	3 0 1	
Lash, 3b	4 0 0	
Wright, rf	3 0 1	
Coleman, rf	1 0 0	
Hall, 2b	2 1 1	
Jiles, 2b	2 0 0	
Virg. Knodell, p	4 0 1	
	34 3 7	
SIKESTON		AB R H
Dowdy, cf	4 1 2	
Marshall, 3b	4 0 1	
Eaton, c	4 2 3	
Hudson, 2b	3 1 0	
McMahon, ss	4 0 1	
Stacy, rf	4 0 4	
Kelley, if	4 0 0	
Law, 1b	3 0 0	
Alexander, p	4 0 0	
	34 4 11	

	POPLAR BLUFF	AB R H
Score by innings:	000 100 200	3
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Sikeston	200 020 00x	4

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Speedy German Heads Wednesday Mat Card

The 178-pounder from Germany, Gus Wisbar, who last week gave one of the best wrestling exhibitions seen this year in the American Legion arena, will head the card here Wednesday night, meeting Raul Lopez, Mexico City, 186 pounds.

Lopez, already known to Sikeston mat fans, is considered one of the 30 best wrestlers in the United States. He will find Wisbar hard to squeeze, however, for the light-headed German is fast when he gets started and can unseat himself from almost any hold. Tex Riley of El Paso, 171, will

engage Chief Little Wolf in the opening match. Riley won a decision over Dynamite Joe Dillman last week after the Birmingham Greek had been disqualified for unnecessary roughness. Previously, Riley and Dillman had each taken a fall.

Chief Little Wolf is also included in the list of the 30 best in the country. He is a 170-pounder from Tacoma, Washington, and has strode across the local canvas before.

Bouts will have a 90-minute time limit, with the best two falls out of three deciding.

The state's contribution will

come from the \$100,000 allotment

recently set aside by the Legislature for armories in the state.

Opinion was expressed at the

council meeting that the state

hoped to secure possibly 15 to 20

armories through this fund, but

the likelihood was broached that

few of the smaller cities would

be able to meet the financial re-

quirements. Consequently, it was

hoped that the \$100,000 might be

split up in larger pieces than the

\$5000 such as Sikeston is stated

to receive.

Miss Lourd Louise Ward has

returned to her home in Poplar

Bluff after spending a week as

the guest of Miss Louise Tinder.

Louise Woods took the three

younger girls to the Arcadia Sun-

day morning.

At this time a general rain

falling slowly to the depth of an

inch and a half would be worth a

lot to Southeast Missouri. Corn,

cotton, melons and meadows

would be greatly helped.

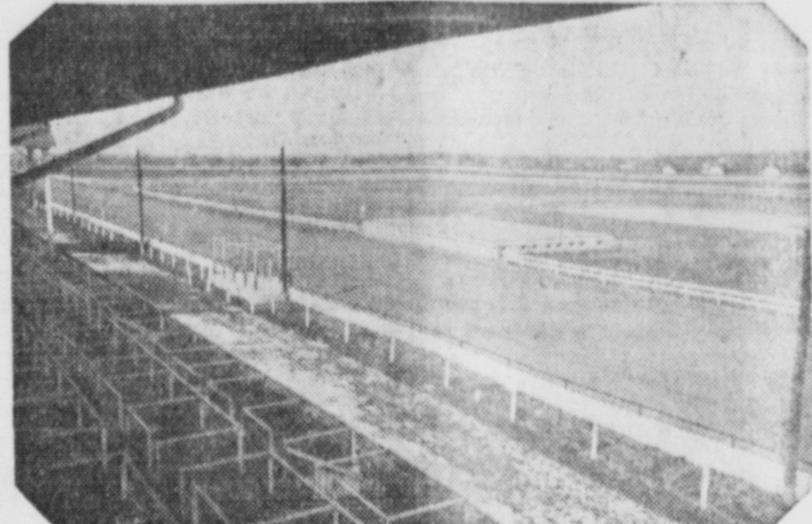
Miss Louise Woods has

composed a picnic party at Gran-

iteville Sunday. Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Van Horne and Miss

Still View of Missouri State Fair's Dual Racing Plant



Above is a recent view of the modern racing and attractions plant, where many thousands will witness elaborate afternoon and evening programs at Missouri State Fair, August 21-28. Both the one-mile, and the new half-mile race tracks are shown, as are also the rock-lined lagoon in the infield and the modern grandstand stage, 50x80 feet, equipped with performers' dressing rooms, showers and toilets.

COUNTY COLLECTOR FELKER FILED BOND SATURDAY

C. E. Felker's bond as collector of Scott County in amount, \$100,000 was filed Saturday with the County Court but has not yet been passed upon by the Court.

Also Drainage District bonds totalling \$30,000 were passed upon and were furnished by Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company Surety. Felker bonds men as follows:

C. E. Felker, Principal; Chas. Heller, Luther Felker, Veda Felker, George Lee, C. C. White, Allie White, G. W. H. Presnell, Nellie Presnell, John G. Powell, Ruth G. Powell, L. P. Swaim, Lula Swaim, H. J. Welsh.

Problem of Funds For Armory Faces Council

National Guard armory in Sikeston was the chief problem that beset the City Council at a special meeting Friday night called to discuss possibilities of the new structure.

The \$73,070 debt incurred by the light company recently in its purchase of the new 1400 horsepower generator, it was brought out, left the city without immediate means to supply Sikeston's contribution toward the government building.

Contrary to original plans, Sikeston must furnish approximately \$12,000 toward the armory, Leon Groves, WPA engineer, announced. First plans called for a \$51,447 armory, the government and state to furnish the entire amount, which included \$30,000 for material. However, WPA headquarters in March made a ruling that the government will contribute \$5 per man-month toward the armory and the sponsor must furnish the balance. Sikeston's portion in this setup is about \$12,000.

Notice of the rejection of the original plans was received by the Board of Public Works made a \$28,500 payment on the new apparatus. Two more payments of \$22,500 will be made, the first to come in 30 days and the final when the generator has been completely installed and put into satisfactory operation. The cost of the building enlargement is being paid as work proceeds.

As a side comment, it was mentioned that the city is losing about \$2000 a month from users of competitive electricity, although these people get free benefits of the lights of the streets, parks and public buildings.

Specifications for the armory call for a 90-by-120-foot building with a full basement. They also stipulate space for a library, woman's club room, Boy Scouts, National Guard office, kitchen in the basement and store rooms and locker rooms. Arrangements for a library elsewhere are being made, and the Scouts are to have a cabin, so this space in the armory will be used for other purposes.

Preliminary new plans for the armory place the total cost at \$48,519.78, of which the federal government will pay \$31,415.50, and the state around \$5000, leaving approximately \$12,000 to come from Sikeston. Some of them are:

Sikeston needs a building for holding conventions. Many times requests have come here for convention dates, but the city has no place to accommodate large crowds.

Sikeston is providing a \$15,000 airport which the government uses more than any other agency, especially national guard units.

Sikeston is located almost in the center of the 140th Infantry area and would be an ideal site for mobilization.

In times of flood conditions, such as existed last winter, it would not be necessary to quarter refugees in schools if the armory were available.

The High School gymnasium is taxed to capacity already, and the city needs floor space for dances and other entertainments.

Revenue from the 2 per cent

Net Entries Sought; Plan Semo High School Meet

All people in Sikeston interested in tennis have been urged by Coach William E. Mahew, local playground director, to register for the annual city-wide net tournament which will begin July 22. Registration will close July 21.

So far the response by local racquetists has been light, Mr. Mahew said, and there is a particular need for a large group of entries in the man's single and double brackets.

Meanwhile, Coach Mahew, who is working with WPA District Playground Director Carlos Jones on the city meet, plans to write Carl Burris, Clayton, secretary of the Missouri State High School Athletic Association, regarding an all-Southeast Missouri High School Tennis Tournament to be sponsored by the WPA.

There will be no charges or entrance fees, and trophies will be awarded. Mr. Mahew has planned the tournament in order to maintain interest in tennis at all the high schools in this district. It will be held in addition to the present city tournament.

The only court matches with other schools obtained by high school players is the spring tournament sponsored by the Teachers College at Cape Girardeau.

While this is a worthwhile affair, it does not permit the entering much time to get into shape before the meet, Mr. Mahew said, and there are no contests afterward to keep up interest.

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SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

MEMBER
1937

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Rates:
Reading notices, per line 10c
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Reports are that the City of Farmington was swamped by the influx of the WPA workers from the Sikeston, Rolla and Flat River Districts, who came down on them like a swarm of locusts. At the same time there was no reason why these young people, who were thrust upon them without being consulted, should be charged such an outrageous price for room accommodations and boost for food. We are in hopes the newspaper in that city will ask the good people to open their homes and make it as pleasant as possible for these strangers within their gates. The employees from the Sikeston headquarters are from just as good families as exist, well behaved, clean in habits and mind and there is nothing too good for them.

The Post-Dispatch, against Roosevelt at any price, is attempting to capitalize on the old age pension, calling it a "racket", but striving to protect its viewpoint by explaining that some pensioners are deserving and some undeserving. Who are the undeserving ones? It must be those who happen to be Democrats. Proof is lacking that it is a political racket and none knows this better than the Post-Dispatch.—St. Charles Banner-News.

Herbert Francis who has been a part time employee of The Sikeston Herald for several months, will take up his residence in Armstrong, Mo., the coming Monday where he will be in the employ of Col. Bob Walton, publisher of the Herald in that city. Francis and family have made friends while here who regret their departure from Sikeston but who recommend them to the good people of Armstrong and Howard County.

We had the pleasure of visiting the flower garden and fruit farm of Mrs. John Woods a few days ago and was much surprised to see the overloaded grape vines, the Stark Delicious apple tree that had the limbs propped up and tied up to carry the weight of the fruit that was as thick as they could stick to the limbs and twigs. Then there was a Japanese plum of the abundance variety that carried fruit as large as hen eggs that were fine flavor. Too there were several rows of dahlias that were in bud and some in bloom. Rose bushes with buds and bloom. Of course John Woods let on like he was the real one responsible for all these things, but we happen to know Mrs. Woods.

The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year

CITY OF SIKESTON

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
December 31, 1936, to June 30, 1937

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Balance cash on hand December 31, 1936	\$9,738.32
Add cash receipts:	
Real Estate Tax	\$3,183.11
Personal Tax	2,158.16
Merchants' Tax	258.28
	\$5,601.55
Poll Tax	444.00
Cemetery Tax	47.00
Dog Tax	59.00
Auto License	283.25
Merchants' License	1,967.25
Interest and Clerk's Cost	329.14
Collector's Commissions	177.62
Police Fines	347.50
Sewer Permits	77.50
Building Permits	88.00
Weed cutting	7.00
Graves sold	76.00
Street oiling	347.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	255.26
Liquor License	798.00
Street Paving (WPA)	4,730.81
Curb and Gutter (WPA)	1,817.23
	\$17,453.16
Less cash disbursements:	
Administration expense	\$3,818.67
Police and fire	4,378.06
Streets and sewers	7,399.35
Charities	774.84
Parks	55.45
Cemetery expense	35.00
Meter deposits returned	30.00
Interest on General Revenue Bond	251.39
Hauling rubbish	85.50
Election expense	184.84
Street oiling expense	120.06
Miscellaneous refunds	20.09
Airport expense	100.00
Street paving (WPA)	1,227.09
Curb and gutter (WPA)	623.95
Transferred to Sinking Fund	3,100.00
	\$22,204.29
Balance cash on hand June 30, 1937	\$4,987.19
Outstanding Warrants June 30, 1937	\$ 679.66

SINKING FUND

Balance cash on hand December 31, 1936	\$ 5,068.11
Add cash receipts:	
Cash transferred from General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,100.00

Less cash disbursements:	
Bonds retired	\$5,000.00
Interest on bonds	\$1,767.38
Balance cash on hand June 30, 1937	\$ 1,400.73

BONDS OUTSTANDING

Water Works Bonds	\$ 3,500.00
Fire Department Bonds	8,500.00
Sanitary Sewer Bonds	55,000.00
Light Plant Bonds	135,000.00
Water System Extension Bonds	12,000.00
General Revenue Bonds	10,000.00

A. C. BARRETT, City Clerk.

MISSOURI HISTORY

Courtesy Missouri Historical Society

ZENAS LEONARD, Fur Trader

Young Zenas Leonard, newly arrived in the frontier town of St. Louis, must have regarded with emotions of excitement and wonder the colorful group gathered about the fur trading house of Pierre Chouteau. Here, in a motley scene that had thrilled many newcomer, mingled strange characters whom none but the fur trade could have brought together — intrepid hunters and trappers recently returned from the mountains, gaudily feathered Indians lured by the fascination of headquarters, gay Canadian voyageurs in brightly colored sashes, lively French attendants busily unpacking bales of beaver, visitors from Montreal, New York or New Orleans come to pay their respects to Pierre Chouteau, prince of traders.

Already, the captivated young storekeeper from Pittsburgh had determined that he, too, would become a part of this colorful pageant of the Far West. Shortly afterward, in the spring of 1931, his ambition realized, Zenas Leonard, fur trader, signed as a clerk with Gnatt and Blackwell and left St. Louis on his first trip to the mountains.

Though little is known of the life of Zenas Leonard, his career, like the career of Smith, Fitzpatrick, Bridger, Robert Campbell, William Sublett and other heroic figures in the annals of the fur trade, partakes of the wilder spirit of adventure. As a member of the rendezvous at Pierre's Hole, Idaho, in the summer of 1832, he took part in the battle of Pierre's Hole; in 1833 and 1834, he accompanied the famous Walker expedition to California; as the author of the Narrative of Zenas Leonard, published in 1839, he contributed one of the fundamental sources for the exploration of western America.

Zenas Leonard was born March 19, 1809, near Clearfield, Pennsylvania, the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Armstrong Leonard. He worked up to the age of twenty-one on his father's farm and then went to Pittsburgh to become a clerk in his uncle's store. Here he remained only a few months after which he made up his mind to abandon the counter for the more thrilling life of the fur trader and left for St. Louis.

For two years, from 1831 to 1833, Leonard maintained himself in the mountains as a free trapper, a member of that bold, independent, and intrepid class of mountaineers who provided their own arms, horses and equipment, traded and trapped throughout the mountains from the Yellow Stone to the Gila and disposed of their peltries to the highest bidder. During this time he wintered on the Laramie, journeyed toward Santa Fe until turned back by the snow-clad peaks of the Rockies and the Indians, trapped on the Columbia and the headwaters of the Missouri and engaged in the battle of Pierre's Hole between the trappers and the Blackfeet, one of the most historic Indian battles in the annals of the fur trade.

During the summer rendezvous of 1833 on Green river, Leonard met Captain Bonneville, a meeting which resulted in what was probably the greatest adventure of his life. Through Bonneville, he became engaged as a member of the Walker expedition to Spanish California, an expedition which has been characterized as both a great exploring expedition and a horse stealing raid upon the Spaniards. As a member of the Walker party, which was probably the first company of Americans to see the Yosemite Valley and the giant sequoias, Leonard endured great hardships, crossed the Utah and Nevada deserts, scaled the high Sierras and in November reached the coast. Returning from California by a more southern route, the expedition blazed a trail for future emigrants through Walker's Pass and rejoined Bonneville in July, 1834.

After terminating his engagement with Bonneville, Leonard trapped one more year in the mountains and in 1835 returned to his home in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, where he had been given up for lost. So great was the interest aroused by the story of his experiences that, to save himself the trouble of repeated recitals, he wrote up his adventures first for the local newspaper and then in book form. Today, copies of Leonard's Narrative have become so rare as to command a price of hundreds of dollars. A recent reprint was published in 1934.

After completing the preparation of the first edition of his book which was published in 1839, Leonard returned to western Missouri. Here he established what

Mrs. Abbie Davis is visiting relatives in Chicago and will visit in St. Louis before returning home.

Mrs. S. E. Reed has returned after a visit in Monroe, La., with her daughter and son, Mrs. L. U. Fourmy and Wayne Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone spent Friday and Saturday at Iron Mountain Lake as guests of Mrs. Earl Johnson who is located there for a stay of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Malone went to Hot Springs, Ark., last week for a stay of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grojean and sons of Decatur, Ill., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Hirschberg.

Miss Mary Applegate of Jefferson City arrived Saturday to visit Miss Mary Emma Donnell.

Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale Jr. and son Billy left Saturday to visit relatives in Sedalia and Marshall, Mo. They expect to be away about three weeks.

Mrs. Homer S. Deats and daughter Carolyn Louise of Hous-

ton, Texas are expected this week to visit the former's aunt, Mrs. S. E. Reed.

Mrs. Murray Klein and daughter Evelyn, Mrs. Loomis Mayfield and two children, Marilyn and Loomis Jr., and Dick Tongate, returned Monday after a five days stay at Lake Taneycomo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trowbridge moved their household effects to Kirkwood Monday, where they will reside. Mr. Trowbridge has been transferred from Division 10 of the Missouri State Highway to Division 6 at Kirkwood. Trooper and Mrs. John Tandy will occupy the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge.

Among those from out-of-town who attended the funeral of C. F. Bruton Thursday afternoon, were: Mrs. Frances Burkhardt, Mrs. J. A. Bosse, of St. Louis; Mrs. T. D. White, Memphis, Tenn.; Sam Smoot, Campbell; and Mrs. F. H. Smith, Jefferson City.

Mrs. Milem Limbaugh went to Mansfield, Ill., Friday to visit her

sister, Mrs. L. P. Hulick for several days.

Mrs. F. E. Mount and daughter Miss Virginia, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Senath with the former's son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bray.

A-Boating We Will Go

The seven couples of young people who went picnicing on Black river Sunday noon know what it means to be "All-Wet". The day was spent in swimming and boating and late in the afternoon one boatload of girls and two of their escorts were forced to swim ashore when their boat sank from under them. Some of the group went for help, while others raised and bailed out the boat.

Anyway dawn was peeping around the corner when a man and a motor boat turned the party back to the camp. Some of the crowd came in "native" as their shoes went down with the boat.

The experience was thrilling and just fun, but could have been serious.

CROSSING THE LINE

When vessels of the Navy cross the Equator, those members of the crew, officers and men, who have never before crossed the line, are initiated by the more experienced members of the crew, who are called "shell backs."

The usual formula is for the "shell back" to attire themselves in strange costumes to represent Neptune, Amphitrite and other mythical characters of the sea. A court is held among Neptune's subjects and the novices are summoned to trial.

The fate administered to each is in the nature of ridicule, such as a parage of the person's particular idiosyncrasies and a caricature of his foibles. He is usually lathered with some frightful concoction, shaved and ducked backwards into a tank of water.

He is then issued a certificate signed by Neptune Rex, documenting the fact that he has "crossed the line" and is now a full-fledged "shell back."

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CORRECTION
OUR PHONE IS

The employees of The Vienna Social Club are not

**Personal And
Society Items
From Charleston**

Willis Marshall, Jr., who has been the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Drinkwater, has been ill of measles this week.

Mr. Walter Rowe has been the guest of his son, Mrs. Marion Rowe, and family in their home in Little Rock, Ark., this week.

Billy Oliver, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Oliver, returned Sunday to Washington, D. C., where he holds a responsible position.

James Atteberry, of Columbia, Mo., spent the Fourth of July at his home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Babcock entertained the following relatives during the holidays: Mr. Babcock's mother and sister, Mrs. G. W. Babcock, Miss Alma Babcock, and aunt, Miss May Bishop, of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Babcock and sons, Russell Babcock, and wife, and Clarence Babcock, of Kirksville, Mo.; and Mrs. Babcock's brother, Mr. Ben W. Taylor, and wife of Bartlesville, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. David N. Thompson have announced the arrival of a little daughter, Dorothy Lee, on Thursday evening at the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Noland, Jr., of St. Louis, spent the holidays in this city with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Noland.

Mrs. Joe Ellis, Jr., and sister,

Mrs. Don Walters returned Monday evening from a few days visit in Clarksville, Tenn.

Mr. James Miller, who has been ill of fever for the past two weeks at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Ralph Boyd, was removed Monday to St. Mary's Hospital in Cairo, Ill. His condition remains unchanged.

Miss Jane Thompson is visiting relatives in Little Rock, Ark.

James Brown has been ill this week at his home on South Main St.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Reid have had as their house guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grojean

and sons, Chas. David and Joe Leach, of Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Harry Lee and daughter, Alice Reid, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Hubert Browning and daughter, Mary Jane, of Ashland, Ky.

Mr. Earl Grojean and sons spent Wednesday and Thursday on a fishing trip in the Ozarks.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hummel were visitors in Mountain View, Mo., Sunday where they went to take their daughter, Miss Frances Ellen, who will spend several weeks there as a member of a camp for young ladies.

Mrs. Margaret B. Smith, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown.

Douglas Hequembourg, Bob Oliver, of this city, and Chas. Edwards, of Cairo, Ill., spent Sunday and Monday in Blytheville, Ark., where they were house guests of Rouse Harp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Taylor, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Babcock and family, left Tuesday for Shelbina, Mo., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Taylor before returning to Bartlesville, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hargraves and Mrs. Harold Williams spent the Fourth in St. Louis. Mesdames Hargraves and Williams returned to this city that evening, but Mr. Hargraves went to Arkansas to visit relatives before going to Los Angeles, Calif., where he will spend a year studying television.

Chas. W. Smith, who was called here last week by the death of his brother, Mr. Jacob Smith, returned Sunday afternoon to his home in Mobile, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiah Smith and daughter, Mrs. Carl Parker, and baby, Carolyn Louise, left Friday for Columbia, Mo., where Mrs. Parker and baby were returning home. Mr. and Mrs. Smith returned to St. Louis and remained until Tuesday as guests of their son, Kiah, Jr., who is singing there in the Municipal Opera house this summer.

Mrs. Henderson Winchester entertained with a luncheon at noon on Thursday at the Russell Hotel. The guests were seated at six tables, each of which had a central decoration of garden flowers. A three course menu was served. Following the luncheon the game of bridge was enjoyed and prizes were awarded Mrs. E. D. Burnett and Mrs. Buddy Morrow.

Miss Ellen Boyce, of St. Louis, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Bastian and son, Jack; Mesdames E. R. Lash, T. J. Clark, Eda Crenshaw, and Celia Pate; Messrs. Owen Cook and Jessie Jackson, as representatives of the local Rebekah and I.O.O.F. Lodges, were in East Prairie Tuesday evening to attend the joint installation service for the lodges of that city. Mrs. Williams, of this city, who is District Deputy Installing Officer, and Roy Waldron, of East Prairie, District Deputy Grand Master, officiated at the service. After the meeting the members of the Rebekah Lodge served delicious ice cream, cake, and cold drinks. A good number were in attendance.

Mr. Ben Swank had as his guests for the week end Mr. and Mrs. Harry Showmaker, Mr. Oechle and daughter, Miss Marjorie, Messrs. Moore and Ben Reid Swank, of St. Louis; Mrs. Hallie Swank and children, Carol, Noel, Ellen, and Jean, of Kennett, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Rual Swank, of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

The Past Noble Grand met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wert Gwaltney. A business session was held with Mrs. Edna Crenshaw presiding. The following new officers were installed: president, Mrs. Bettie

Masters; vice-president, Mrs. Chloe Whipple; warden, Mrs. John Rose; secretary, Miss Edna Caldwell; treasurer, Mrs. Celia Pate. A salad course with iced tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. William Bryant and daughter, Margaret, had as their guests for the week end Mr. Leonard Bryant, Mr. Paul Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. George Watkins, Misses Rose Nussbaum and Esther Dell, of St. Louis. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George Bryant and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bryant were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Bryant. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. George Bryant entertained Mrs. Bryant and guests at dinner in their home in Texas Bend District.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Kathleen Finley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Finley, and La Ray Taylor, of Sikeston. The ceremony took place on Wednesday evening, June 30th, at 9:15 p. m. at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. C. P. Thogmorton, pastor of the Methodist Church. For the occasion the bride was attired in an afternoon dress of pink organdy, fashioned with a pink sash. With this she wore white accessories. Miss Anna Mae Gentry, of this city, and Robert Lee Stallings, of Sikeston, served as attendants. The bride was reared in this city and is a graduate of Charleston High School. She has a very pleasing personality and number her friends by her acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will make their home in Sikeston, where Mr. Taylor is connected with the Coco Cola Plant.

Mrs. A. Richards was hostess of a most enjoyable luncheon on Tuesday at noon at Ellis' Annex. Covers were laid for Mrs. Viveret Lee, Mrs. Rachel Finley, and the latter's house guests, Dr. and Mrs. B. T. Waites and son; and Mrs. E. G. Rockhill, all of Binghamton, Ala.

Mrs. John S. Caldwell and daughter, Miss Edna, and their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oliver, of St. Louis, spent Sunday in Poplar Bluff, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Caldwell.

Mrs. C. P. Thogmorton and son, Jim returned the latter part of the week from a visit in Tennessee.

Mrs. W. T. Marshall was a visitor in Sikeston on Tuesday. Miss Jane Kirkpatrick has returned from a visit with friends in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oliver, who were weekend guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell, returned Monday eve-

ning to their home in St. Louis. They were accompanied by Mrs. Chloe Whipple, warden, Mrs. John Rose; secretary, Miss Edna Caldwell; treasurer, Mrs. Celia Pate. A salad course with iced tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bird and daughter, Miss Kitty, moved this week to Deering, Mo., where the latter will be a member of the faculty of the high school for the coming fall and winter term.

Mrs. Clinton Cunningham, of Caruthersville, Mo., spent Sunday in this city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lester Cassel.

Mr. and Mrs. William Powell and sons, of Cuba, Mo., spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rowe.

Freddie Hequembourg, Hardy Pottinger, Jr., Catherine Renaud, Hazel Pike, Helen Small, and sister spent Wednesday in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Gutherie of St. Louis, and Miss Louise Gutherie, of Jefferson City, Mo., were weekend guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gutherie.

Mr. George Butler and Mr. Albert Shaw, of Alton, Ill., were guests of Miss Dorothy Peters on the Fourth.

Mr. Lanson Turnbough, who has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Miles T. Lee, and Mr. Lee, will leave today (Thursday) for his home in Jackson, Miss.

Edward Edelen returned the past week from Shippensburg, Penn., and has been the guest of his aunt, Miss Elizabeth Burns. Mr. Edelen has accepted a position on the staff of Sikeston Standard and will make his future home in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gutherie and son, Davis, of St. Louis, were visitors in Cape Girardeau on Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Pasadena, Calif., is the guest of her sister, Miss Maggie Smith.

Mrs. Annie Favors had as her house guest for the week end Miss Dorothy Purts, Miss Cragine Duckworth; Messrs. Eddie Zegel, Freddie Hequembourg, all of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Lukens, of St. Louis, spent the Fourth in this city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bowden and son.

Mrs. Gertrude Lutz spent Sunday in Cairo, and Murphysboro, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oliver and daughter, June Rose, of Keokuk, Iowa, spent the week end with relatives in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver returned home Sunday night but June Rose remained over for a few days visit with Joan Oliver.

I. N. Smith returned Sunday from Mexico, Mo., where he spent Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. V. Goodin and daughter

ter, Miss Ann, left Wednesday for Hartford, Ky., to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Litchford and Mr. and Mrs. Max Litchford left Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends in Oklahoma.

Mr. John Turner returned Monday from the Missouri Pacific Hospital in St. Louis, where she had been a patient for medical treatment the past ten days.

Mrs. F. I. Jones, Mrs. Jack O'Reilly, and George Dickmeyer, of this city, who are patients at St. Mary's Infirmary, Cairo, Ill., are each reported to be proving and hope to soon be able to be removed to their respective homes in this city.

Miss Alice O'Reilly, who has been a recent patient at the Campbell Clinic in Memphis, Tenn., is improving as rapidly as could be expected.

**GUARD OFFICERS LEAVE
TO TAKE CAMP TRAINING**

Captain Tanner Dye and Major H. E. Dudley left Saturday morning for Camp Clark at Nevada for a 4-day instruction course in a field and staff officers' training school preparatory to field training for military maneuvers at Ft. Riley, Kansas, in August.

The course at Nevada will prepare the officers for the encampment war games which will take place during the period from August 15 to 29 when all the regular army and national guard units of the Seventh Corps Area will be at Ft. Riley.

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**ORDINANCE DESIGNED
TO CHECK STRAY DOGS**

The City Council Friday night approved an ordinance providing that all dogs in the city limits running loose be picked up by the dog catcher or other officers and held for 48 hours. If they are not claimed by that time, they are to be destroyed. Owners claiming dogs must pay, in addition to the regular penalty, a fee for time the dog was held.

The penalty for allowing a dog to run loose is a fine of \$1 to \$10.

The city had received about \$30 this year in licenses, it was brought out, while for recent months had been paying \$40 to \$50 for killing stray dogs.

The city clerk presented a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period from December 31, 1936, to June 30, 1937. These were accepted and ordered printed in the two local newspapers.

**STARK RETURNS FROM
HUNT FOR PLANT VARIETIES**

Major Dudley is an officer of the Third Battalion, of which Company K is a part, and Captain Dye is regimental supply officer of the 140th Infantry, which has headquarters in Caruthersville, Kansas, in August.

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Tom Dohan drove up to a Cincinnati filling station and asked for a mouse trap. Carefully baiting it with bacon he placed it on the floor near the front seat of his car. He watched to see if the attendant, he said, "I hated to do it, but he's been trying to crawl up my leg for the past 15 miles. I hope there isn't a nest of them in there."

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News and Comedy.

TUESDAY, JULY 13—

**WOMAN
CHASES MAN**

with

MIRIAM HOPKINS

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RELEASED THRU UNITED ARTISTS

Comedy and Short.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, JULY 14 and 15—

**BOB BURNS
MARTHA RAYE
"MOUNTAIN
MUSIC"**

With John Howard · Terry Walker

Directed by Robert Florey

A Paramount Picture

Comedy and Short.

FRIDAY, JULY 16—

Riding on Air

With Joe E. Brown.

ON THE STAGE

Lion's Club Chorus.

Pal Night

2 adults admitted for the price of 1. All children 10c.



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Edward Matthews has in his fish pond three alligators, two of them look to be thirty inches long, the other about half that length. Likewise he brought back with him on his recent trip to Florida a turtle about as big around as a half bushel measure. These varmints, or whatever they are called, live in and about the fish pond. Friday morning when we visited the pond all three of the alligators were on the bank of the pool, the two larger ones never moved but the little fellow scurried to cover among the reeds growing at the edge of the pool. Here is the real story. A few mornings ago just at the break of day a terrific threshing of the water in the pool was heard and upon an inspection it was found one of the largest alligators had the smaller one crossways in its mouth with the intention of having it for an early morning breakfast. The little fellow was thrashing the water with his tail and pawing the water with his feet. A broom laid across the big fellows back with strength backing it made him let go his hold; Everything is now quiet in the fish pond and on the banks where gators like to bask.

Guards seem to be co-operating with the highway safety campaign. Recently we have noted several young ladies with their arms about the driver, permitting him to keep both hands upon the wheel. Theoretically this reduces the hazards of the highway, but in reality it increases them. It took us several minutes to get around a young couple one night last week. This cuddling pair, with the girl doing the hugging, had their minds on things other than keeping on their side of the road. Their car was not



PROSPERITY NOTES

(Compiled by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State.)

The net operating income of 138 Class 1 railroads for the first 5 months of 1937 amounted to \$237,645,050 as reported by the Association of American Railroads this week. This compares with net operating income of \$187,733,850 in the corresponding 1936 period. Railway Age, however, reports a 55 per cent increase in purchases of materials and equipment during the first 5 months of this year compared with the same period of 1936. Railroad supply manufacturers placed 1937 purchases at 1 billion against \$760 million last year.

Largely as a result of the spurt of activity in April, the aggregate volume of spending in St. Louis during the second quarter, as measured by the checks cashed at bank or individual corporation and government debits, was 13.0 per cent above the second quarter of last year, as against a gain of 11.8 per cent over a year ago in the first quarter, and a gain of 10.5 per cent over the preceding year for the full 12 months of 1936. The six months of 1937 show a gain of 12.4 per cent over the corresponding six months of 1936.

A survey of the 1936 annual reports of 1872 corporations reveals only industrial group—real estate—showed a net deficit for the year. Standard Statistics Company, Inc., reported. The net loss was a substantial reduction from that shown in 1935. Net profits of the 1872 corporations showed an increase of 52.2 per cent over 1935, the survey indicated.

Production of electricity in the United States for the week ended

Both employment and output

June 26 was 2,238,332,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of 1.1 per cent over the previous week's figure of 2,213,783,000 kilowatt hours and a gain of 11.6 per cent over output of 2,005,243,000 kilowatt hours in the same period a year ago, the Edison Electric Institute reports.

Production of boots, shoes and slippers, other than rubber, during May totaled 34,990,219 pairs, compared with 30,264,351 in the same month of last year, the Department of Commerce reports.

In April of this year, production amounted to 40,183,638 pairs. For the period January to May 30, production amounted to 197,351,895 pairs, compared with 164,896,171 pairs for the corresponding period of 1936, or an increase of 19.7 per cent.

Lamar, Mo., is to have a branch plant of the Lee Hat Company of Connecticut. At a recent special election the city voted \$30 to 73 to create a \$65,000 fund for the construction of a building to house the plant. It will give employment to a large number of workers of that vicinity.

Ward's Reports, Inc., estimated automobile factory output for the week ending July 3, 122,890 cars and trucks, compared with 121,032 last week and 102,833 in the comparable week of 1936. The survey said this week's level probably will "not be improved upon" for the rest of the current model production season.

Sharply reduced marketings of farm products and slightly lower prices brought farm income in May slightly below the April level; but the first five months, yielded a cash income of \$3,201, plus benefit payments, have \$600,000 to the country's farmers, a 21 per cent improvement over the same period last year. With income over the next six months expected to range above that of last year, the agricultural areas continue to be a fertile market for farm-implement makers and mail-order houses.

Mental Hygiene has never had sufficient funds available to carry out its work. We feel that with an equal amount of money and an equal amount of interest in the work, Mental Hygiene could accomplish an equal amount of good by saving thousands of people each year from the living deaths of insanity and prison sentences. Mental Hygiene has lagged in the state of Missouri far behind its ability to correct and prevent mental disease, because it has been recognized as the potent force that it is.

We ask that everyone acquaint himself with Mental Hygiene, its methods and objectives, and having done so, we are sure that everyone will enlist in this fight by joining the Mental Hygiene Association.

The Sikeston Country Club golfer won its fifth straight victory in the eastern division of the Southeast Missouri League here Sunday by defeating Hayti, 38 to 7. Orville Lumsden of the Sikeston club was medalist with a 70 for the 18 holes, while George W. Kirk of Sikeston, but who played with Hayti, scored a 70.

Ten of the Sikeston players turned in a maximum three points each were Lumsden, Alexander, Stalcup, Lee and Lyman Bowmen, Moose, Mann, Robbins, Joe Matthews and Hart, while Scott, McClure, Fischer, Henry made two points and Limbaugh one point.

For Hayti, Kirk and Whittner each scored three points, Barron two points and Pate and Mehrle one point each.

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Mrs. Emma Kendal of Denver, Colo., visited from Friday until Monday evening with her sister Mrs. Ella Old, and other relatives. Miss Gustine Tinder is visiting this week with her cousin, Miss Glenda Keller in Cape Girardeau.

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IT'S TRUE!**By Wiley Padan**

New York, N. Y.—"IT'S TRUE! that the world's largest and heaviest curtain appears in the grand finale number of M-G-M's 'Broadway Melody of 1938,' which depicts Broadway in all its splendor," says Wiley Padan.

"The curtain, composed of solid glass, weighs more than nine tons and is 100 feet wide and 120 feet high! It was designed by art director Cedric Gibbons, and his associate Merrill Pye."

SOME SCOTT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Trees Starving

Dr. J. A. Cline of Oran has lost two sugar maple trees. Two more are looking pale. County Agent Veatch advised supplementing plant food by the use of commercial fertilizer.

Dr. Cline will apply Sodium Nitrate and wood ashes under the crown of the tree, using about 4 pounds of this mixture per inch of trunk diameter. After applying the fertilizer he intends to supply a large quantity of water to each tree.

The drought of 1936 together with the seven ice damages of last winter has left some trees in a very serious condition. In such cases supplementary plant food is recommended. Unthriftness, pale leaves, excessive decay are all indications of a starving condition. County Agent Veatch says he will assist anyone wanting information on tree fertilizing.

Seventy-five Tons Per Acre

Seventy-five tons of top soil per acre is the average loss per acre experienced when corn is grown year after year on slopes of 8 percent. Such losses can be mater-

ially controlled by terraces, contour farming, and strip cropping.

Scott countians inspected four Perry County farms last week where such practices were being followed. The Soil Conservation Service have had the cooperation of farmers in that county and with the assistance of the Civilian Conservation Camp at Perryville, have constructed terraces, built waterways and dams in gullies.

The average height of the terrace was about 16 inches. Farm machinery could be easily used over them. These terraces check

the run-off after rains, decreased soil washing, and induced greater absorption.

One farmer has planted his corn around the hill. This through cultivating sits up a series of small obstructions which work somewhat like terraces. The men who have tried this method state they are well pleased with results and they find it just as easy to cultivate corn when so planted, as when planted in straight rows.

Scott County men have indicated they will adopt these soil conserving measures. County Agent Veatch states that the Scott County Extension Office is equipped with a level which will be used to locate terrace lines. He will instruct farmers in its use so they can locate lines themselves.

Cost of terracing depends on local conditions, kind of equipment at hand, and the amount each person wishes to do themselves. Mr. Veatch said he would help any one plan their farming system and locate terraces.

Those from Scott County attending the "open house" held by the Perryville Camp were: Carl O. Luper, A. G. Gasser, C. A. Miller, R. L. Galemore, C. N. Mayfield, William L. LeGrand, Ray B. Lucas, Dennis Diebold, Joe F. Diebold, W. E. Spradlin, L. W. Heisser, Louis Albrecht, Joe Russell, William Uhlman, R. P. Christeson, and F. B. Veatch, Jr.

Farmers See Melons Pruned

At a meeting on his farm, R. L. Galemore near Blodgett showed several of his neighbors last week how he pruned melons. Mr. Galemore made a novelty pruning tool from an old butcher knife bolted to the end of a 4 foot handle. He was able to turn the vine and look for crooked, goose-necked melons without bending or stopping over. He found that about every vine had from 1 to 2 shriveled or blistered or otherwise undesirable melons. These he cut off and threw out of the patch or to the middle so when he prunes every week these won't be in the way under the vine and be confusing. Mr. Galemore plans to prune each week leaving from 2 to 5 on each vine until shipping time. He thinks that one

should begin to prune when melons are 4 inches long and that the good melons left will be better and mature earlier as a result of removing those no good.

Mr. Galemore was assisted in the meeting by representatives from the office of F. B. Veatch, Jr., County Agent.

Hoppers Need Watching

Many farmers have scattered poison bait on field boundaries and have successfully controlled the hoppers in the area poisoned. Recent observations indicate that hoppers have spread to the center of fields where they are ruining acres of corn. County Agent Veatch suggested that fields be watched and where the hoppers are damaging crops poison bait should be scattered.

Federal poison is being supplied to farmers in Scott, Mississippi, New Madrid and Pemiscot counties from the mixing station at Benton. Those wanting large quantities are requested to place their orders a day early so that ample amounts of poison bait can be mixed. A charge of 25 cents per 100 pounds is made to cover mixing costs.

Poison bait can be spread at a cost of about 5¢ per acre. It often takes two or three applications to control these pests.

Farmers are urged to use every precaution in scattering bait. No bad results have been reported, nevertheless, it is important that it be handled carefully.

County 4-H Club Leaders Meet

Seven local 4-H club leaders and 13 4-H club members met at Benton Friday to discuss local 4-H problems and make plans for the district 4-H club camp.

A team demonstration was given on the treatment and care of emergency accidents by members of the New Hamburg Health & First Aid club led by Rev. Hubert Eggiman. All clubs in the county are going to be represented at the camp and several clubs have given pie suppers and plays to raise money for expenses.

The club leaders plan to form a county 4-H club council on August 12 to help further the club program in Scott County.

Miss Rena Jenkins, State 4-H Agent, coached several boys and girls in group singing and how to give demonstrations in competition where there are judges. All clubs plan to hold demonstration days to select 2 members to represent their club at the county demonstration day August 12 at Benton. Plans were made for 2 teams from Scott County to go to Columbia at the state round-up in August. County Agent Veatch and Miss Ella Fiquart, Home Demonstration Agent assisted Miss Jenkins in the meeting.

A WORLD CRUISE

By W. R. Lence

I conducted tour such as this is unsatisfactory in some respects. Two years ago I passed within a mile of Bethel without seeing it, except from this distance. On this excursion I surely expected to see it at close range, and I began early to make inquiries about it.

My first query was to a young German, member of the cruise staff. When I mentioned Bethel, he undertook to tell me that the full name was "Bethlehem," and when I assured him that there is a place called "Bethel," he looked at me in amazement. Part of his work is conducting people over the Holy Land, but he had never heard of Bethel. When I called at the cruise office I found them to be as ignorant of this sacred place as the individual member of the staff. But when they put out literature on the Galilee optional excursion, I noticed that they specifically mentioned Bethel, and I bought the excursion, believing that I should see all the places mentioned in the literature.

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the scepter in fulfillment of Jacob's prophecy.

When divided in consequence of Rehoboam's high taxes, Jeroboam was made king of the Northern Kingdom, the 10 tribes. He was the rival of Rehoboam, who kept his capital at Jerusalem where the temple was located.

Fearing that his people would continue to make annual pilgrimages to the Temple to worship, and that this would militate against his kingdom, he adopted the political expedient of setting up golden calves for the people to worship. To give his idols standing before his people, he chose the most sacred places, and set up one at Bethel. Modern apostates have adopted Jeroboam's tactics. They proclaim their heresies from Christian church pulpits when permitted to do so.

Bereroth is on the east side of the highway, not more than two miles south of Bethel. It is a traditional place where Joseph and Mary camped, and missed the 12-year-old boy. Returning to Jerusalem, they found Him, after a three-days' search, in the Temple. The mother was impatient with Him, and He said to her, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" These were His first recorded words. His last words were, "It is finished." He finished His Father's business.

Nob is on the west side of the highway. It was here that David the shepherd, and recovered the sword with which he slew Goliath. Saul, in his insane jealousy, murdered the priest and 84 other people because they aided David. The Ark of the Covenant was located here for a time.

One of the Ramahs of the Bible is on the east side of the highway. It consists of a few houses, on top of a hill, and others in ruins. Gibson is close by. Gibeah, the home of King Saul is not far away. This Ramah is not generally accepted as the Ramah of Samuel.

Mispach means "watch tower," and many of them are mentioned in the Bible. The most important is a high eminence, about four miles northwest of Jerusalem. It is much higher than Jerusalem and overlooks that city. Our guide says that if it is the Ramah, where Samuel was born, and where he lies buried. It was one of the holy cities which Samuel visited in turn as judge of the people, the other being Bethel and Gilgal.

It figured prominently in the wars between the Northern and Southern kingdoms. After Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple, in 586 B. C., he appointed a kind of superintendent over the land, and established his headquarters here.

Continuing our drive we pass over the brow of Mount Scopus, and a fine panorama of the Holy City unfolds before us. It was from this vantage point that Titus, who totally destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A. D., had his first view of the city.

We had an early breakfast at Tiberias, and it is now half past one, therefore we go straight to King David Hotel for lunch.

Room assignments are delivered as we enter the King David. There are many large hotels in the States, but I know of none that is finer. My room, for single occupancy, is number 237, on the third floor. It overlooks Mount Zion, the hill which David fortified when he took Jerusalem from the Jebusites, about 1150 B. C. It is called "The City of David"; also, "My Holy Hill of Zion." Regarding the future, it is said, "Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

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the scepter, a very large lavatory, and a bed that induces sleep. Six heavy curtains, hanging from the 12-foot ceiling, cover the windows. The window sills are marble, and the carpets are exquisite. The halls are wide, and laid with tiling, covered with splendid carpets.

Beneath the bay window is a beautiful garden. To the left, about a mile away, I see the Tower of David. This tower, which is on the right side of Jeffa Gate, was the only structure left by Titus when he destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A. D. He razed all others, but left this tower as a specimen of the structures he had to overcome, to prove to the world that he was a great general.

Displayed in my room, and in the halls is a very welcome sign; it reads: "No Tipping." The King David is built of pink stone. The architect, Mr. Emile Vogt, who designed some of the fine Egyptian hotels, undertook to portray the glorious period of King David. The entrance lobby depicts Assyrian influence; main lounge, reading room, period of King Solomon; banquet hall, Phoenician style.

For the carpets of the hall, the artist drew his inspiration from textiles of three thousand years ago. In the main lounge the carpets represent symbols of the 12 tribes of Israel:

Reuben: The waves and rising sun. Simon and Levi: The sword and the vase.

Judah: The lion.

Issachar: The harnessed camel.

Ephraim: The ship.

Manasseh: The fertile tree.

Benjamin: The wolf.

Dan: The snake.

Naphthali: The hind.

Asher: The basket of fruit.

Gad: The fort.

The carpet in the great bow window has as decorative motifs the pomegranate, the grape, the shield of David, and the seal of Solomon. Some of these carpets have been removed during the past two years; perhaps to be cleaned.

The dining room is paneled with thin slabs of superb marble, from the hills between Bethlehem and Jericho. The tones are buff, green and reddish violet. It is a surprise to some that such beautiful stone exists in Palestine. Amid these regal surroundings we enjoy a delicious lunch.

Archeologists Find Horses Worked For Man in 3000 B. C.

Chicago, July 9.—Archeologists of the Field Museum of Natural History have added a thousand years of servitude to the history of the horse.

Richard A. Martin, curator of Near-Eastern archeology, announced today research conducted by the Field Museum-Oxford University joint expedition to Mesopotamia had determined the horse was under the whip of man as far back as 3000 B. C.

He said tombs of the early dynastic period at Kish, in Iraq, yielded animal bones which now have been identified as those of

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